

Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act

Section by Section Summary

Section 1. Short Title

The “Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2013”

Section 2. Definitions

This section defines several technical terms related to interstate horseracing as having the same meaning given to them by the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978.

In this bill, “veterinarian-client-patient relationship” has the meaning of that term in the *Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics* published by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Section 3. Independent Anti-Doping Organization for Interstate Horseracing

This section designates the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) as the independent anti-doping organization for horseraces with interstate, off-track betting. This organization’s duties would include developing, publishing and maintaining rules for:

- prohibited substances, methods, and treatments;
- permitted substances, methods, and treatments; and
- guidelines for the use of permitted substances, methods, and treatments, including “withdrawal times” before racing.

No horse may receive medication within 24 hours of a race, with a limited two-year exception for furosemide (Lasix) administered according to the requirements of the rule published by the Assoc. of Racing Commissioners Intl., Inc. and within the context of a veterinary-client-patient relationship.

The independent anti-doping organization may consult with State racing commissions, tracks, horsemen's groups, and other interested persons in developing such rules.

The independent anti-doping organization would also implement programs relating to anti-doping education, research, testing, and adjudication.

It could also exclude any person from participating in interstate horseracing for rules violations, including "one and done" and "three strikes, you're out" lifetime bans for the most serious types of violations. It has some flexibility in cases where a violator provides substantial assistance in discovering other rules violations.

Section 4. Consent Required for Acceptance of Interstate Off-Track Wagers.

In order to offer interstate off-track wagering, a host racing association and off-track betting system must have the consent of the independent anti-doping organization.

As part of this consent, there will be an agreement with the independent anti-doping organization that includes terms and conditions related to compliance with anti-doping rules and payments to organization to fund the costs of its anti-doping duties under this Act.

The independent anti-doping organization shall ensure that all the costs it incurs in carrying out this Act are defrayed under agreements with host racing associations.